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SUBJECT:TRAVEL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR AND PARTY

REF: FLOYD-SMITH TELECON, 23 APRIL

1. THE WHITE HOUSE HAS NOTIFIED THE DEPARTMENT OF TRAVEL OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR AND MRS. MELDRIM THOMSON AND PARTY TO THE UK APRIL 27 - MAY 10. PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO CONFER WITH BRITISH OFFICIALS IN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, SCOTTISH OFFICE, AND OTHERS CONCERNING NORTH SEA OIL DEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICALLY ECOLOGICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL IMPACT OF DEVELOPMENT IN SCOTLAND. PREPARATIONS FOR VISIT ARE BEING ARRANGED THROUGH BRITISH CONGEN IN BOSTON. EUR/NE HAS ALSO BEEN IN TELEPHONIC CONTACT WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AS DISCUSSED IN REFTELECON.

2. COMMISSIONER OF RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, GEORGE GILLMAN, WILL ARRIVE IN LONDON AIL 27, ACCOMPANIED BY ASSOCIATE CHARLES ALLEN. NO ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT NEEDED. WOULD LIKE CALL ON ENERGY ATTACHE KAUFMAN EARLY ON 27TH HOWEVER, TO DISCUSS APPOINTMENTS ALREADY ARRANGED AND HEAR ANY SUGGESTIONS AND ADVICE EMBASSY MIGHT HAVE FOR FURTHER CONTACTS TO INSURE TRIP IS USEFUL.

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GOVERNOR AND MRS. THOMSON, ALONG WITH SECURITY GUARD SGT.

BIRD OF STATE POLICE, WILL TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO EDINBURGH ON

MAY 5 WHERE GILLMAN AND ALLEN WILL MEET.

3. GOVERNOR THOMSON WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON CONSUL GENERAL BARTCH ON MAY 6 AT 10:30 A.M. GOVERNOR WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE ARRANGEMENT OF LUNCHEON GATHERING SAME DAY, PERHAPS HOSTED JOINTLY BY HIMSELF AND CONGEN. GOVERNOR WILL BE PREPARED FUND THIS FUNCTION, WHICH MIGHT INCLUDE SCOTTISH DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OFFICIALS PLUS LOCAL OIL EXECUTIVES. DETAILS CAN BE ARRANGED WITH GILLMAN.

4. PARTY WILL RETURN TO LONDON ON MAY 10 FOR DEPARTURE FOR FRANKFURT ABOUT NOON. DECLASSIFY MAY 31, 1974. KISSINGER

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